

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the Claims:

Claim 1 has been amended as follows;

Change(s) applied
to document,
/A.E.G./
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Line 2, "comprising" has been changed to - - comprising;"

Line 3, "a. A lower" has been changed to - - a lower- -,
said chamber;

Line 8, "~~said chamber~~" has been changed to - -said chamber; and

Line 9, "b. An upper" has been changed to - - an upper- -,

Line 15, "c. said valve" has been changed to - - said valve - -,

Line 18, "stuck therein." has been changed to - - stuck therein, and

wherein the spacing between said inlet end and said outlet end of said valve chamber is of a sufficient length so that as said ball moves from said open position to said closed position, a portion of the liquid in said delivery tube is permitted to pass back through said apparatus to reduce the amount of liquid in said tube, and wherein said liquid delivery tube is in the form of a straw having an upper end for delivering fluid to the mouth of a user and a bottom end to which said apparatus is attached.

Claims 2-4 and 6-14 have been cancelled.